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Applic. No. : 08/987,889 Group No. : 2743
Filed : December 10, 1997 Examiner : Vivian Chang
For : Sound System For A Motor Vehicle And Method For Defining A
Functional Scope Of A Sound System

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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)(37 CFR 1.53(d))

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1. This is a request for a filing of a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) of the above identified prior nonprovisional application.

It is further requested that this continued prosecution application utilize the file jacket and contents of the prior application, including the specification, drawings and oath or declaration from the prior application, to constitute this new application, and that the application number of the above identified prior application be assigned for identification purposes. 37 CFR 1.53(d)(2)(iv).

It is also requested that the above identified application be expressly abandoned as of the filing date accorded this continued prosecution application. 37 CFR 1.53 (d)(2)(v).

2. With respect to the above identified nonprovisional application this continued prosecution application is being filed:

- A. ☒ before the earliest of the:
☒ termination of the proceedings on the prior application. 37 CFR 1.53(d)(1)(ii)(C).
☒ payment of the issue fee thereon. 37 CFR 1.53(d)(1)(ii)(A).
☒ abandonment of the prior application. 37 CFR 1.53(d)(1)(ii)(B).

OR

- B. ☐ after the payment of the issue fee but a petition under §1.313(b)(5) has been granted in the prior application. 37 CFR 1.53(d)(1)(ii)(A).

- C. The term for response or taking action in the prior application expired on October 27, 1999 (receipt date of Notice of Appeal August 27, 1999)

☒ An extension of time in the prior application is:

☒ filed concurrently in the prior application
☐ has been filed on

3. It is noted that:

- This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application. 37 CFR 1.53(d)(2)(ii).

- Filing of this continued prosecution application is to be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. §122 to the extent that any member of the public, who is entitled under the provisions of § 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning either the prior application or any continuing application filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(d), may

be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning the other application or applications in the file jacket. 37 CFR 1.53(d)(6)

• Filing of this request is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. §120 to every application assigned the application number identified in this request and that no amendment in this application may delete this specific reference to any prior application. 37 CFR 1.53(d)(7) and 1.78(a)(2).

4. This continued prosecution application names as inventors:

The same inventors named in the prior application on the date this continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) is being filed. 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).

5. Attached hereto is an amendment to the prior application as it existed prior to the filing of this continued prosecution application.

6. **Fee Calculation**

Regular application

CLAIMS AS FILED

Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$690.00
Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c))	32	- 20=	12	x \$ 18.00	\$216.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b))	3	- 3=		x \$ 78.00	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$260.00	

- ☐ Amendment canceling extra claims is enclosed.
☐ Amendment deleting multiple-dependencies is enclosed.
☐ Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.

Filing Fee Calculation \$ 906.00

7. **Small Entity Statement(s)**

☐ Statement(s) that this is a filing by a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is (are) attached.

☐ Status as a small entity was claimed in prior application 08/ , filed on from which benefit is being claimed for this application under:

and which status as a small entity is still proper and desired.

☐ A copy of the statement in the prior application is included.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of A, B or C above)

Filing Fee Calculation \$ _____

8. **Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**

☒ Enclosed

☒ Filing fee \$906.00

☐ Recording assignment

(\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. 1.21(h))

(See attached "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT
ACCOMPANYING NEW APPLICATION.")

\$ _____

☐ Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors
or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused
to sign or cannot be reached (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. 1.47 and 1.17(i))

\$ _____

Total fees enclosed \$906.00

9. **Method of Payment of Fees**

Check in the amount of \$906.00

10. **Authorization to Charge Additional Fees**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees
during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 12-1099.

☒ 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a),(f) or (g) (filing fees)

- ☒ 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b),(c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)
☒ 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee
and/or
declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
☒ 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(5)(extension fees pursuant to §1.136(a))

11. Instructions as to Overpayment

- ☒ Credit Account No. 12-1099.
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